

St Louis Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1867

My dear Doctor

I owe you an apology for not sending those *Potamogetons* sooner. I found nothing remarkable among my specimens; never had paid much attention to them — though at one time I tried to fathom them.

I would have overlooked that broad cordate leaved specimen entirely if you had not directed my especial attention to it. It is peculiar to the small ponds and sinkholes, as they are called here, on our hilly country. I find a flowerless specimen from the Region where Richl lived and one with fruit from nearer town. The same could be easily collected again, I suppose (though improvements have destroyed many of those ponds), if it should prove a distinct species. I had always taken it for *P. natans*, var. *stagnalis*.



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Please retain what I send, or throw away what is not worth keeping.

I also send you some *Hostia*, which I suppose will interest you.

The labels you find in this letter. The specimens are in the order of the numbers, beginning with a *Texas* *Pot. natans* (or *lucens* ?) and ending with *H. Hostia longiloba*.

Moreover you find a small pencil number in the corner of each piece of paper on which the specimen is laid to which the number belongs, beginning the wrong way, with 16. *Hostia* and ending with 1. *Potamogeton*.

Nic. Richl was a very zealous botanist and cultivator 10 miles from here, where he collected many plants and sent them to Colmar, Alsace (a formerly German province of France) where they were named and distributed to subscribers; he died some 12 years ago.

Watch those singular capillary leaves. What I have not found out yet is whether every *Hostia* has such leaves, or only in your swift streams. More about it another time, too much haste now  
give me the names of these  
*Potamogeton*.

Yours Truly  
G. Engelmann



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Porter's & Engelmann's  
Palmer's with  
~~a few~~ (Isotetes put with others)

Dr. Vasey's package  
is also enclosed  

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All to be named  
and the names  
forwarded



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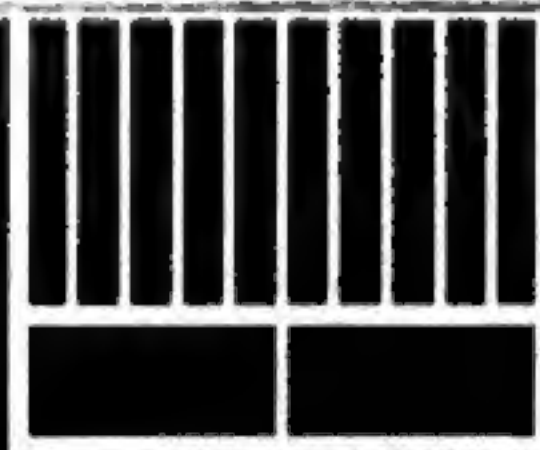
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